

**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS  
TITLE 6. MASSAGE THERAPY**

SUBTITLE 5. PROHIBITED ACTS.

Md. HEALTH OCCUPATIONS Code Ann. § 6-502 (2017)

§ 6-502. Misrepresentation.

(a) In general. -- An individual who is not a licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner under this title may not advertise or claim by title, abbreviation, sign, card, or any other representation that the individual practices massage, massage therapy, myotherapy, or any synonym or derivation of these terms.

(b) Registered massage practitioners -- Advertising health-related therapeutic massage services prohibited. -- An individual who is a registered massage practitioner under this title, or a business entity that employs an individual who is a registered massage practitioner under this title, may not advertise to the public that the individual or business entity provides health-related therapeutic massage services.

(c) Certain representations prohibited. -- Unless authorized to practice under this title, a person may not use the title "massage therapist", "MT", "licensed massage therapist", "LMT", "massage practitioner", "MP", "registered massage practitioner", or "RMP", or any other term or title with the intent to represent that the person practices massage therapy.

(d) Charles County and Washington County. --

(1) In Charles County and Washington County, an individual may not perform a massage or offer to perform a massage on another individual for compensation unless the individual who performs the massage or offers to perform a massage is a licensed massage therapist or registered massage practitioner.

(2) A law enforcement officer in Charles County or Washington County may demand proof of licensure or registration.

**HISTORY:** 2016, ch. 739, § 3.